GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PUNISHMENT IN DOWRY DEATH CASES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has recommended to the Government not to prescribe capital punishment in dowry death cases;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Law Commission has opined that there is no warrant for prescribing death sentence for the offence of dowry death as defined in Section 304-B of Indian Penal Code having regard to presumptive character of the offence, absence of direct connection between the death and the offender and the gravity of culpable conduct as well as the object sought to be achieved thereby.

(c): The recommendations of the Law Commission are only recommendatory/advisory in nature.